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# THE RAW-HIDE KID "SHOOT-OUT with BLACKJACK BORDON"

by Stan Lee

I WARNED YOU THREE THAT YOU HAD THIRTY MINUTES TO LEAVE TOWN! NOW I SEE THAT YORE STILL HERE! SO EITHER HEAD FOR THE BORDER, OR SLAP LEATHER!
KID, YOU MUST BE LOCO, TO TRY TO TAKE THE THREE OF US ON AT ONCE!
BUT WE BEEN ITCHIN' TO GUN YOU DOWN FOR DAYS, SO NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
WITH YOU OUTTA THE WAY, US HARPERS WILL TAKE OVER THIS TOWN, LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL! SO SLAP LEATHER!
CHAPTER ONE
"THE TREACHERY OF BLACKJACK BORDON"
NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE IT HAPPEN! THE HARPERS HAVE BEEN TRYIN' TO TREE THE TOWN BECAUSE WE GOT NO LAWMAN!
AND THE RAWHIDE KID, AN OWLHOOT HIMSELF, IS STANDIN' UP TO ALL THREE OF 'EM, TO SAVE US!
BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE! THIS'LL BE THE END OF THE KID!
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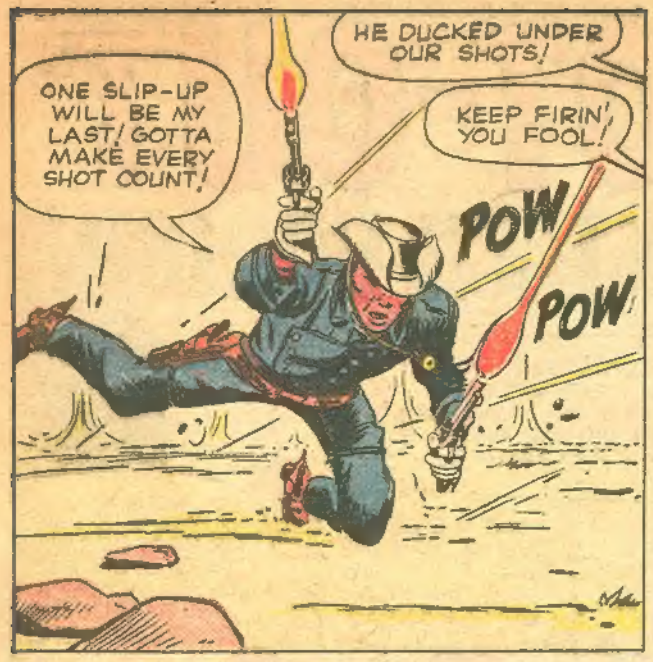
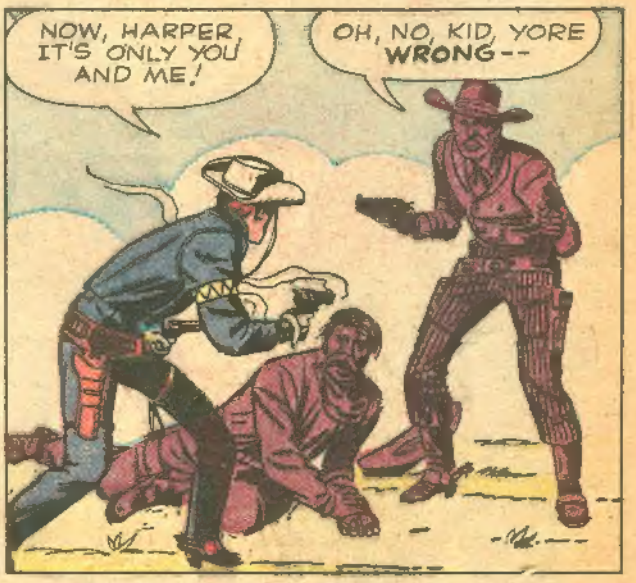

HE DUCKED UNDER OUR SHOTS!
ONE SLIP-UP WILL BE MY LAST! GOTTA MAKE EVERY SHOT COUNT!
KEEP FIRIN', YOU FOOL!
POW
POW

KEEP FIRIN'?? WITH WHAT??
BAM

I GIVE UP!
KAPOW


NOW, HARPER, IT'S ONLY YOU AND ME!
OH, NO, KID, YORE WRONG--

IT'S ONLY YOU!
AND THAT TAKES CARE OF THE HARPER GANG!

RECKON YOU FOLKS CAN ALL RETURN TO YOUR CHORES! YUH WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE HARPERS NO MORE!
MEBBE THEY HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, KID, BUT YOU SURE DO!
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HOBB, DID YUH GET WHAT I SENT YUH FOR?
SURE, BLACKJACK! IT'S RIGHT HERE!
IT'S PERFECT! ANYBODY WHO DON'T LOOK TOO CLOSE WOULD SWEAR IT'S A REAL MARSHAL'S BADGE! NOW YUH KNOW WHAT YUH GOT TO DO!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
KID, I WANT YOU!
EASY, KID! I'M HERE TO HELP YOU! I'M A FRIEND!
MISTER, THE RAWHIDE KID'S ONLY FRIEND IS THIS COLT! NOW SPEAK YORE PIECE!
MY NAME'S HOBB! I'M A U.S. MARSHAL! AND I'M HERE TO OFFER YUH A PARDON!
A PARDON!
THAT'S RIGHT, KID! IF'N YUH PUT YORE GUNS AWAY AND NEVER USE 'EM AGAIN, I'LL GRANT YUH A FULL PARDON! YUH'LL NEVER HAVE TO FEAR A LAWMAN AGAIN!
IT- IT'S WHAT I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF! BUT MUH GUNS! YUH MEAN I CAN'T NEVER WEAR 'EM AGAIN.
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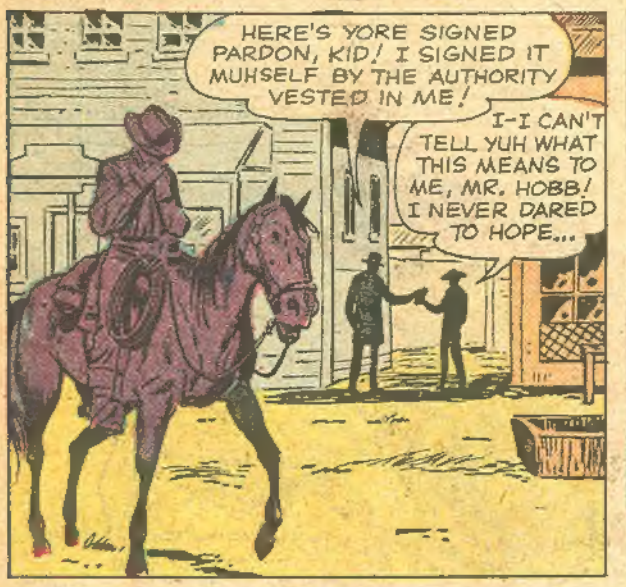
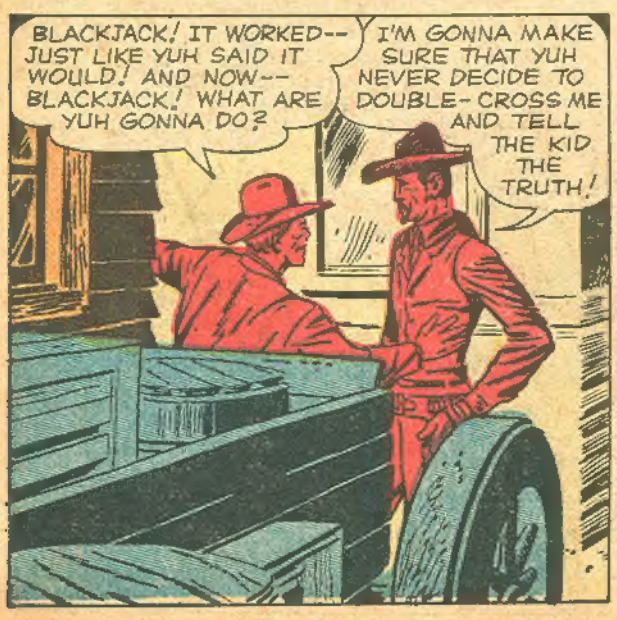
THAT'S THE WAY OF IT, KID! IT'S THE GOVERNOR'S IDEA! HE HEARD HOW YUH CLEANED UP THE TOWN, AND ROUTED THE HARPERS, AND HE WANTS TO HELP YUH! BUT NO MORE GUNS!

THEY'VE BEEN THE MOST LOYAL PARDS ANY HOMBRE EVER HAD... BUT I RECKON I'LL BE PUTTIN' 'EM AWAY NOW-- FOREVER!
IT'S A WISE THING YORE DOIN'! BUT THIS GOTTA BE KEPT QUIET, KID! ONLY YOU, ME AND THE GOVERNOR KNOW! AND IF YUH EVER WEAR A GUN AGAIN, THE PARDON IS VOID!


HERE'S YORE SIGNED PARDON, KID! I SIGNED IT MUHSELF BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME!
I-I CAN'T TELL YUH WHAT THIS MEANS TO ME, MR. HOBB! I NEVER DARED TO HOPE...

IT WORKED! HE FELL FOR IT! HOOK, LINE AND SINKER!


BLACKJACK! IT WORKED-- JUST LIKE YUH SAID IT WOULD! AND NOW-- BLACKJACK! WHAT ARE YUH GONNA DO?
I'M GONNA MAKE SURE THAT YUH NEVER DECIDE TO DOUBLE-CROSS ME AND TELL THE KID THE TRUTH!

THERE! I'LL PUT HIM ON THE NEXT STAGE OUT OF TOWN BEFORE HE COMES TO! HE'LL NEVER DARE SHOW HIS FACE HERE AGAIN!
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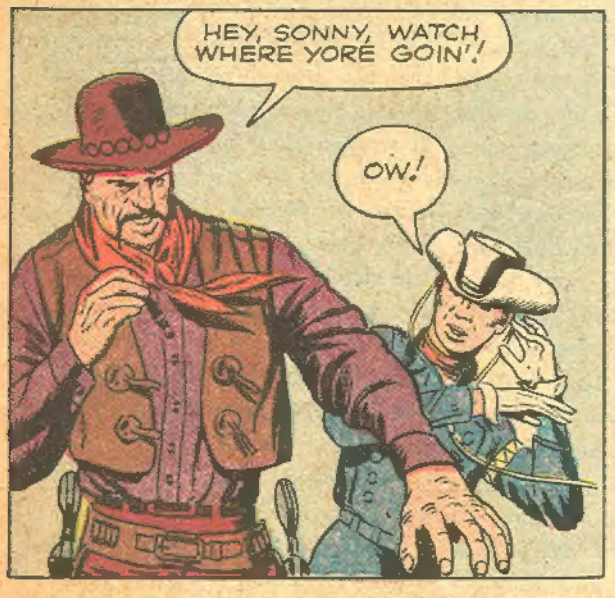

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# OLD MINING TOWN

ONCE a mining town, Minehill City had been crowded, forty years before, with three thousand citizens. It had possessed a railroad siding, a weekly newspaper, a town hall and several churches. But the mining works had played out . . . and the town had become a ghost. Moreover, the water table, that had been exhausted in being lowered a good fifty feet was only just now returning to anything like its previous abundance. At the foot of what had been Federal Street, was the town pump. Federal Street itself had enjoyed, at that far distant date, a value of something like a thousand dollars a foot frontage. A pail of water from the pump cost, on occasion, fifty cents, sometimes a dollar. Then, for almost thirty-five years a pail of water from the same pump might as well have cost a million dollars . . . for not a drop could be coaxed out of it.

Dan Logan had been born thirty years before Minehill City had even been founded . . . and his birthplace had been a tiny shack within a stone's throw of where the town hall was ultimately erected. Like many another westerner, when it had come Dan's time to roam, he roamed. He came back twice to Minehill . . . in the period of its founding, and its heyday which lasted a mere few years, and then, for the last time, over thirty-five years later.

When he came back, he told himself he'd returned for good.

Dan's old age pension brought in enough to feed him. For the rest he sold firewood to many of the big spreads twenty miles west of the old town. The source of the wood was abandoned Minehill itself. A good thirty percent of its buildings had already tumbled down on the outskirts. This was because the outskirts had been built after the solid center of the town. What with growing prosperity, came higher prices. Consequently, the further out from the town hall the buildings went, the skimpier they were, and the more flimsily held together. Now, only the original public buildings and Federal Street remained intact.

The rest burned briskly enough in ranch house fireplaces during the winters, to make up the rest of Dan's feed. He had a horse and a buckboard. By adding two levels to the buckboard's back he could pile in enough planks to make a day's trip profitable.

Now, as Dan turned from the weekly visit of the Duane R.F.D. postal route, he opened the local weekly, the Buzzer. The Buzzer was the usual kind of rural paper. It recorded the happenings of Duane County in eight-point body type and twelve-point headlines.

On this particular day a t./enty - four - point headline caught his eye.

Dan muttered, as he read the story. "I'll be horn-swoggled!" he said, half-way through it. Finally, as he reached the end of the story, he almost reached the end of his store of exclamations with a loud, "Why, the fool galoots!"

Five minutes later, the old man was rattling out of Minehill toward the town of Duane itself. The buckboard, drawn by the old horse, careened from side to side as Dan urged it on. It was an hour and a half before he was tying up outside the office of Sheriff Gil Barrows. Dan knew Gil pretty well, for the sheriff always stayed at his shack when out on his rounds. The sheriff was busy at some paper work when Dan entered the office, red-faced and puffing.

"Morning, Dan," Gil said pleasantly.

"What's this I hear about Buck Patterson and his crew taking over the land around Minehill for range?" Dan demanded. "I thought all that land would be included in the new state park."

"It was supposed to be," the sheriff said quietly. "But there's a provision that any water table land can be acquired before noon on Tuesday, tomorrow. After that, the park lines will be drawn to include any outside what's been spoken for."

"Gil, you know as well as I do that Patterson will overdrain that Minehill water table with

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THE RAWHIDE KID!
WHY DIDN'T SOMEONE WARN ME?? I DIDN'T KNOW! KID, I DIDN'T KNOW--I--
SIMMER DOWN, HOMBRE! I AIN'T LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE! FORGET IT!
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE KID?
HE AIN'T WEARIN' NO HARDWARE!
AND HE LET HORGAN PUSH HIM AROUND!
I DON'T LIKE IT! SOMETHIN'S WRONG!
WITHOUT THE KID WEARIN' HIS GUNS... AND WITH NO LAW IN THIS TOWN, ANY-THING CAN HAPPEN!
YEAH! WE'RE WIDE OPEN FOR SOME FAST GUN TO TAKE OVER!
DON'T NOBODY MAKE A MOVE! BLACKJACK BORDON IS HERE!
BLACKJACK BORDON!
I SAID NOBODY MOVE!
OW!
BAM!
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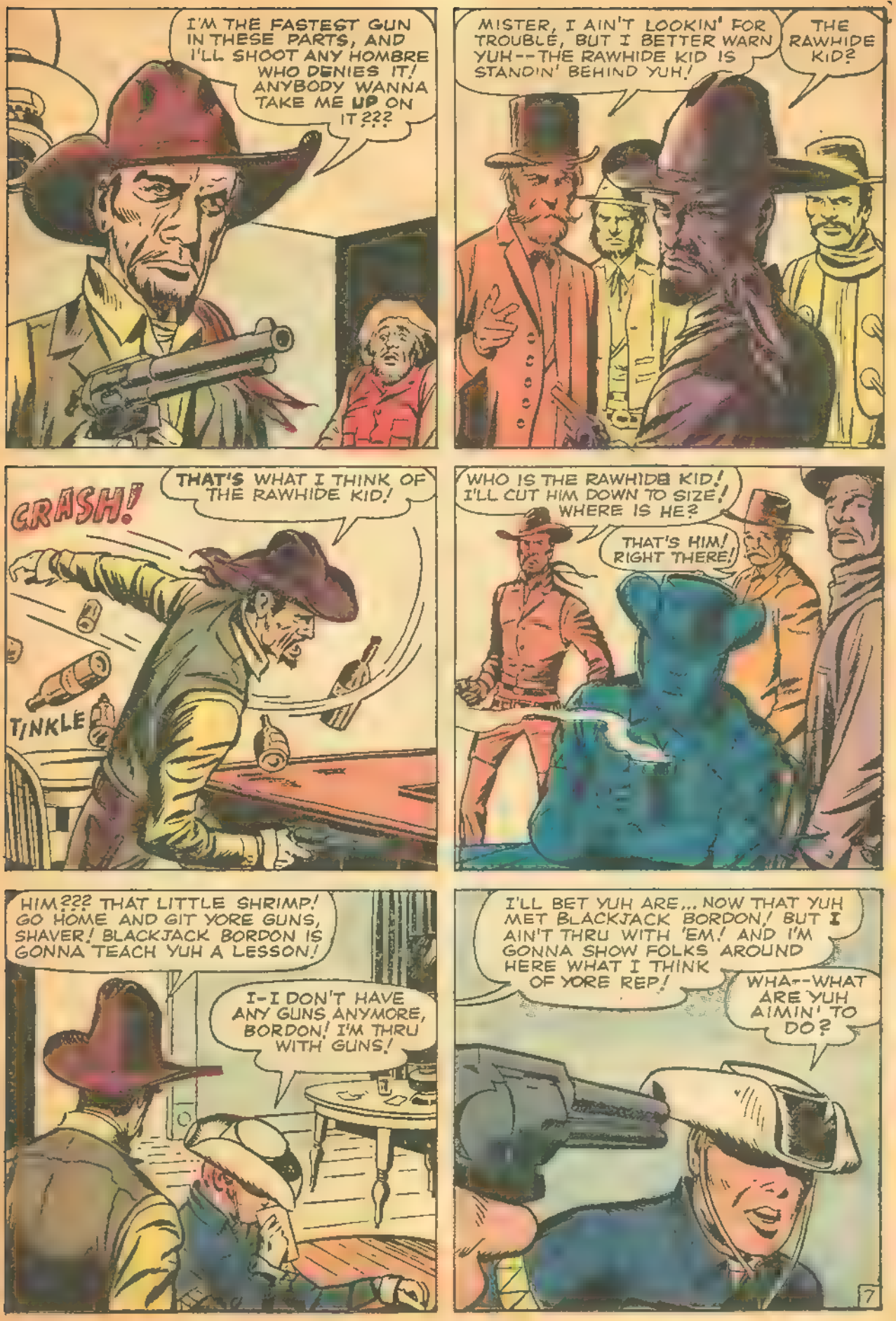
I'M THE FASTEST GUN IN THESE PARTS, AND I'LL SHOOT ANY HOMBRE WHO DENIES IT! ANYBODY WANNA TAKE ME UP ON IT???
MISTER, I AIN'T LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE, BUT I BETTER WARN YUH--THE RAWHIDE KID IS STANDIN' BEHIND YUH!
THE RAWHIDE KID?
CRASH!
THAT'S WHAT I THINK OF THE RAWHIDE KID!
TINKLE
WHO IS THE RAWHIDE KID! I'LL CUT HIM DOWN TO SIZE! WHERE IS HE?
THAT'S HIM! RIGHT THERE!
HIM??? THAT LITTLE SHRIMP! GO HOME AND GIT YORE GUNS, SHAVER! BLACKJACK BORDON IS GONNA TEACH YUH A LESSON!
I-I DON'T HAVE ANY GUNS ANYMORE, BORDON! I'M THRU WITH GUNS!
I'LL BET YUH ARE... NOW THAT YUH MET BLACKJACK BORDON, BUT I AIN'T THRU WITH 'EM! AND I'M GONNA SHOW FOLKS AROUND HERE WHAT I THINK OF YORE REP!
WHA--WHAT ARE YUH AIMIN' TO DO?

CHAPTER 2
THE RAWHIDE KID STRIKES BACK!
TURN AROUND AND START WALKIN' OUT THE DOOR! YOU HEERD ME, KID-- WALK!
LOOK, THE KID'S DOIN' IT, AS MEEK AS TOAST!
NOTHING ELSE HE CAN DO WHILE HE AIN'T GOT NO GUNS!
BUT HE STILL HAS A LOT OF GUTS! LOOK HOW STRAIGHT HE WALKS!
YEAH! BLACKJACK'S GOT A GUN AT HIS BACK, AND THE KID LOOKS LIKE HE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE WORD FEAR MEANS!
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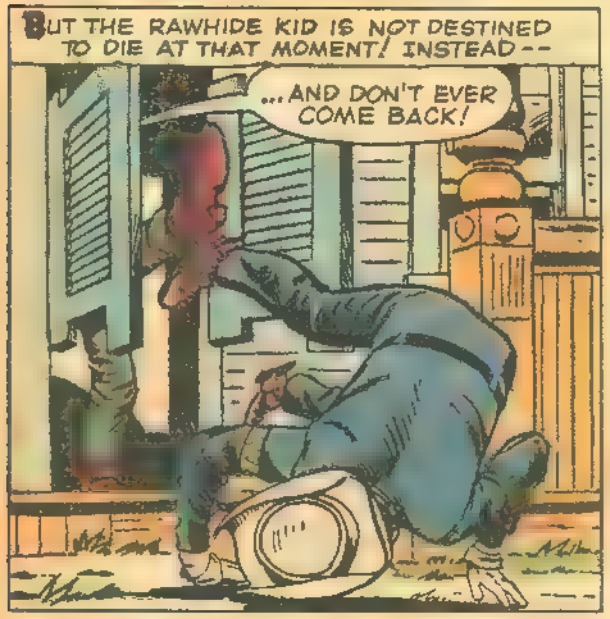
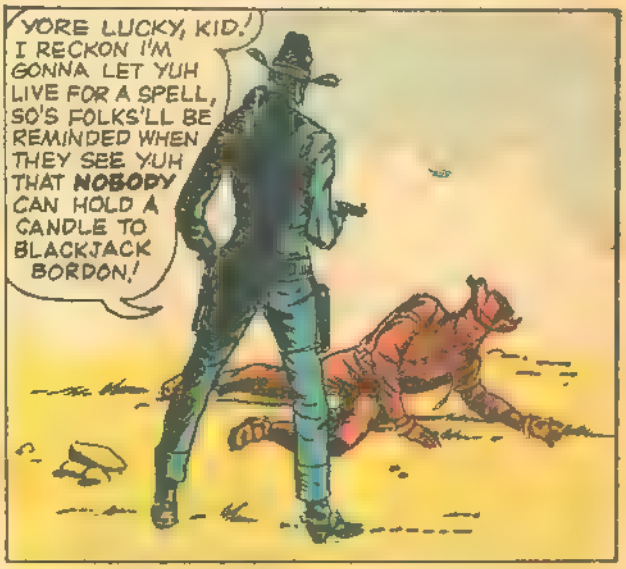
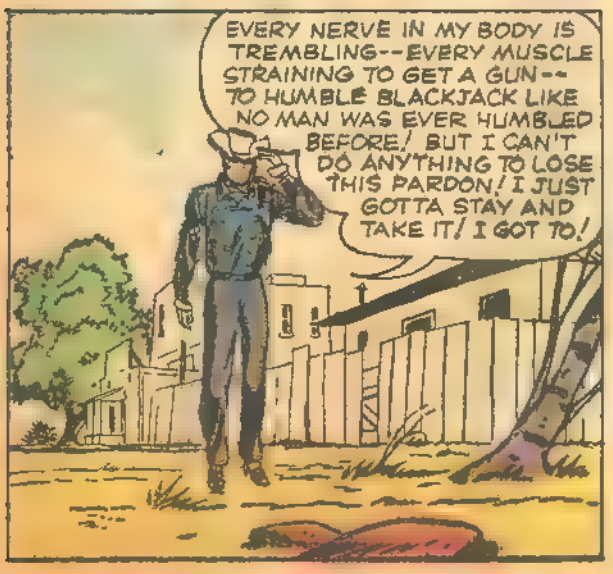
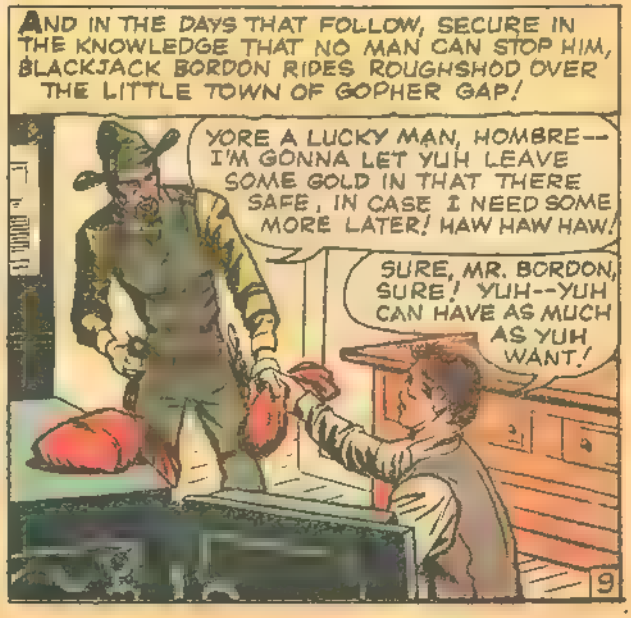
HOLD IT, KID! THAT'S FAR ENOUGH!
RECKON HE'S A'FIXIN' TO SHOOT NOW!

WELL, LET 'IM SHOOT AND BE BLAMED! EVEN IF I DIE, I'LL DIE A FREE MAN--NOT A WANTED OWLHOOT! IT'LL BE WORTH IT!


BUT THE RAWHIDE KID IS NOT DESTINED TO DIE AT THAT MOMENT! INSTEAD--
...AND DON'T EVER COME BACK!


YORE LUCKY, KID! I RECKON I'M GONNA LET YUH LIVE FOR A SPELL, SO'S FOLKS'LL BE REMINDED WHEN THEY SEE YUH THAT NOBODY CAN HOLD A CANDLE TO BLACKJACK BORDON!


EVERY NERVE IN MY BODY IS TREMBLING--EVERY MUSCLE STRAINING TO GET A GUN--TO HUMBLE BLACKJACK LIKE NO MAN WAS EVER HUMBLED BEFORE! BUT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO LOSE THIS PARDON! I JUST GOTTA STAY AND TAKE IT! I GOT TO!


AND IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, SECURE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT NO MAN CAN STOP HIM, BLACKJACK BORDON RIDES ROUGHSHOD OVER THE LITTLE TOWN OF GOPHER GAP!
YORE A LUCKY MAN, HOMBRE--I'M GONNA LET YUH LEAVE SOME GOLD IN THAT THERE SAFE, IN CASE I NEED SOME MORE LATER! HAW HAW HAW!
SURE, MR. BORDON, SURE! YUH--YUH CAN HAVE AS MUCH AS YUH WANT!

HOLD ON, HOMBRE! YUH AIN'T PLANNIN' TO WALK RIGHT IN FRONT OF BLACKJACK BORDON, ARE YOU?
S-SORRY, MISTER BORDON...
HE DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM, MR. BORDON! PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY!
LOOK, YOU CAN HAVE THE SIDEWALK ALL TO YOURSELF, SEE?
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
THE ORNERY COYOTE! HE'S GOT TO BE STOPPED!
BLACKJACK, I RECKON YORE THE LOWEST HOMBRE THAT EVER LIVED!
WELL WELL, YUH THINK YORE SAFE BECAUSE YORE NOT WEARIN' A GUN, EH?
DON'T TRY MY PATIENCE TOO HARD, YELLA-BELLY!
YUH'LL PAY FOR THAT BLACKJACK!
I WILL? WHAT ARE YUH GONNA DO ABOUT IT?
IF I COULD ONLY USE MY GUN!
RECKON YORE RIGHT, ...L! THE KID'S TURNED YELLA!
YEAH! NOTHIN'S STOPPIN' HIM FROM GETTIN' HIS GUN IF HE HAD A MIND TO!
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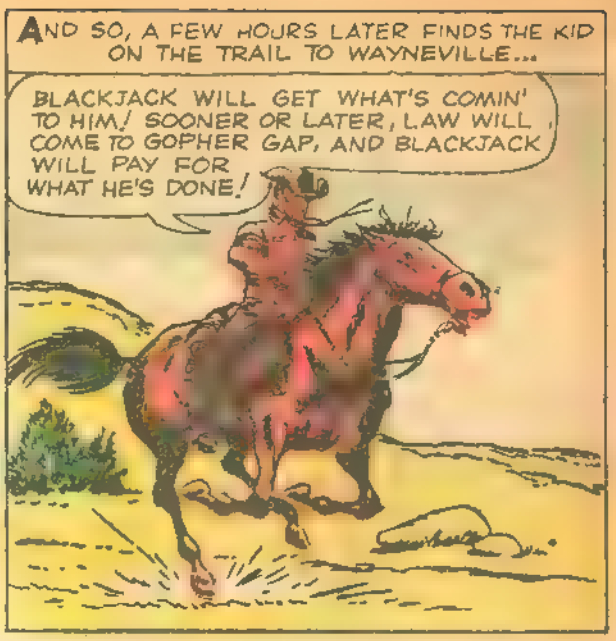
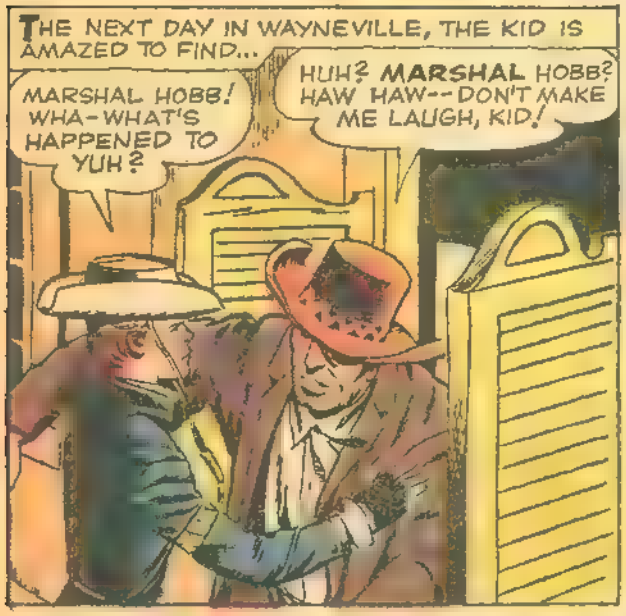
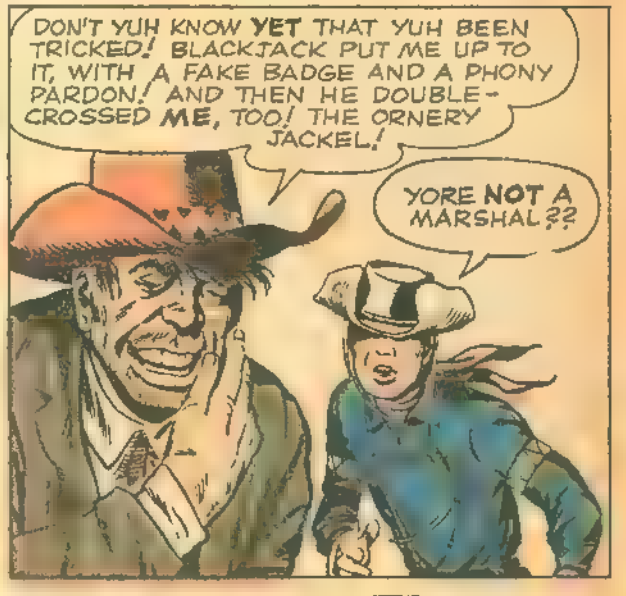
THAT'S IT, KID! SLINK OFF LIKE A WHIPPED CUR! AND BE GRATEFUL THAT I'M A MERCIFUL HOMBRE! HAW HAW HAW!
I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE! I'VE GOT TO LEAVE TOWN! IT'S EITHER THAT, OR LOSE MY PARDON!


AND SO, A FEW HOURS LATER FINDS THE KID ON THE TRAIL TO WAYNEVILLE...
BLACKJACK WILL GET WHAT'S COMIN' TO HIM! SOONER OR LATER, LAW WILL COME TO GOPHER GAP, AND BLACKJACK WILL PAY FOR WHAT HE'S DONE!

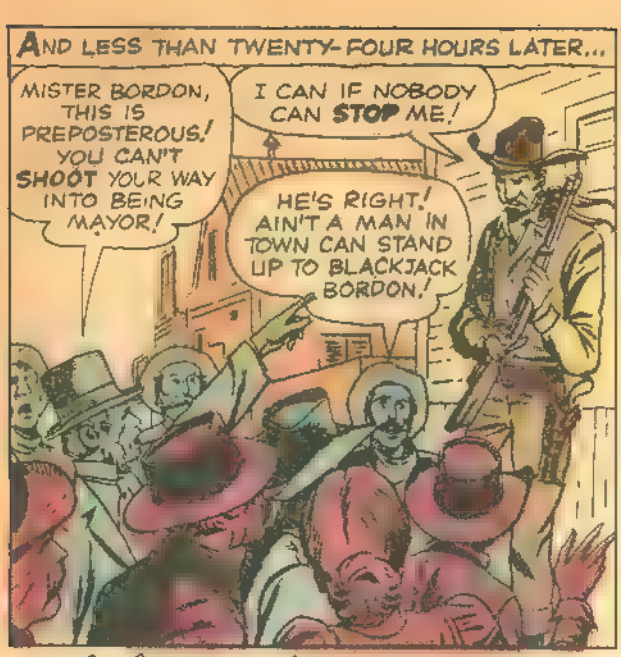

THE NEXT DAY IN WAYNEVILLE, THE KID IS AMAZED TO FIND...
MARSHAL HOBB! WHA-WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YUH?
HUH? MARSHAL HOBB? HAW HAW--DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH, KID!

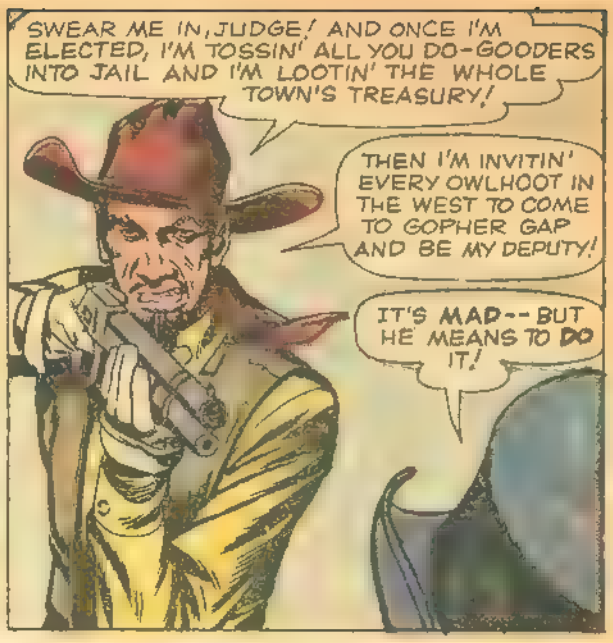

DON'T YUH KNOW YET THAT YUH BEEN TRICKED! BLACKJACK PUT ME UP TO IT, WITH A FAKE BADGE AND A PHONY PARDON! AND THEN HE DOUBLE-CROSSED ME, TOO! THE ORNERY JACKEL!
YORE NOT A MARSHAL??

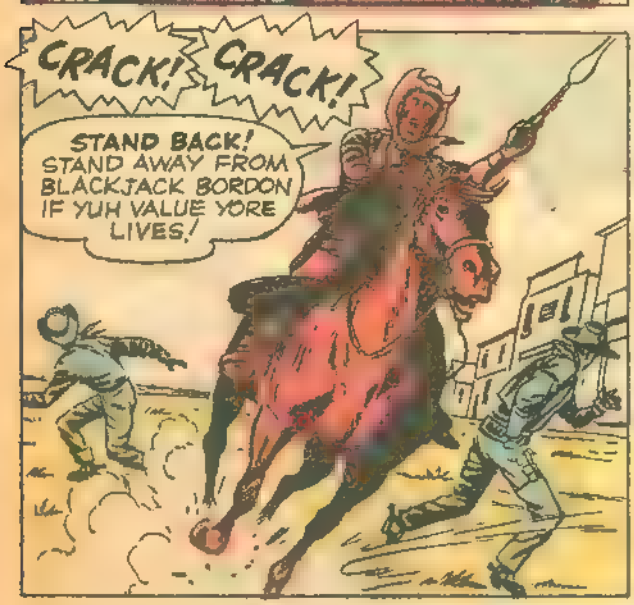
I-I DIDN'T MEAN TO TELL YUH! I-I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS SAYIN'! DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT, KID! WHA-WHAT ARE YUH GONNA DO??

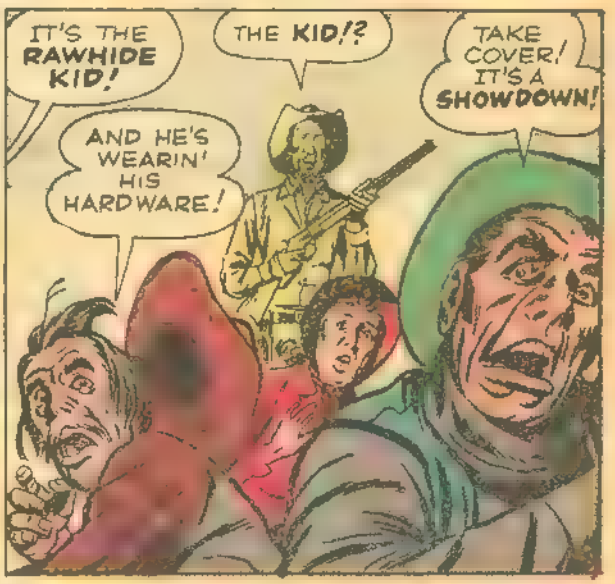
HALP!

THESE COLTS OF HOBBS AIN'T VERY MUCH, BUT THEY'LL HAVETA DO UNTIL I GIT MUH OWN BACK!


AND LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS LATER...
MISTER BORDON, THIS IS PREPOSTEROUS! YOU CAN'T SHOOT YOUR WAY INTO BEING MAYOR!
I CAN IF NOBODY CAN STOP ME!
HE'S RIGHT! AIN'T A MAN IN TOWN CAN STAND UP TO BLACKJACK BORDON!

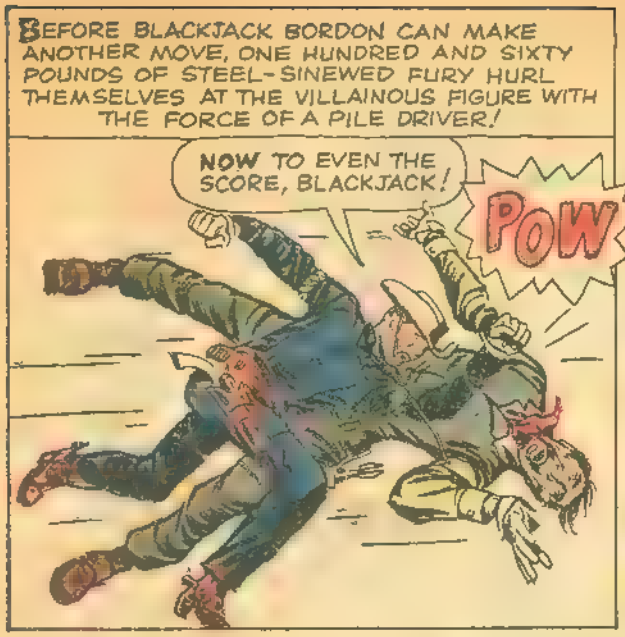

SWEAR ME IN, JUDGE! AND ONCE I'M ELECTED, I'M TOSSIN' ALL YOU DO-GOODERS INTO JAIL AND I'M LOOTIN' THE WHOLE TOWN'S TREASURY!
THEN I'M INVITIN' EVERY OWLHOOT IN THE WEST TO COME TO GOPHER GAP AND BE MY DEPUTY!
IT'S MAD-- BUT HE MEANS TO DO IT!


CRACK! CRACK!
STAND BACK! STAND AWAY FROM BLACKJACK BORDON IF YUH VALUE YORE LIVES!


IT'S THE RAWHIDE KID!
THE KID!?
TAKE COVER! IT'S A SHOWDOWN!
AND HE'S WEARIN' HIS HARDWARE!

DON'T KNOW WHAT GOT INTO YUH, KID, BUT YUH JUST SIGNED YORE DEATH WARRANT!
CLICK!

BLACKJACK, THIS TIME YUH AIN'T FIGHTIN' AN UNARMED HOMBRE! THIS TIME YOU'RE GONNA GET IT!
KAPOW!

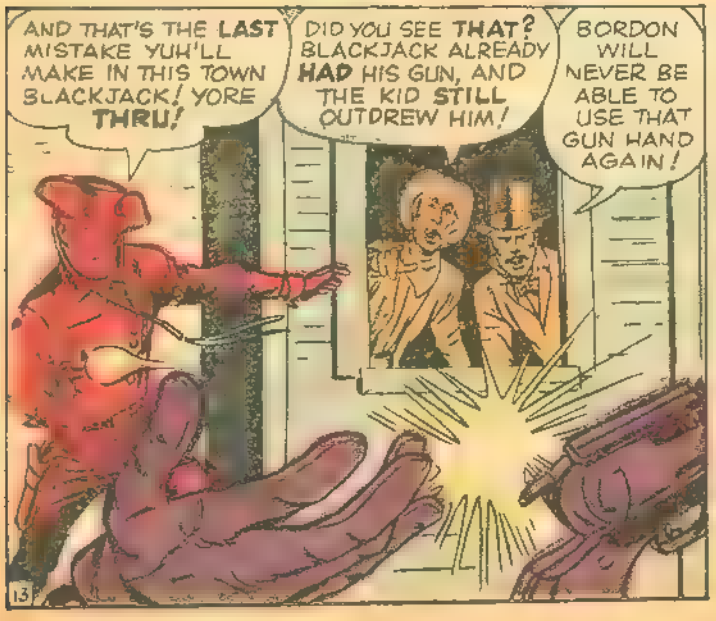

BEFORE BLACKJACK BORDON CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE, ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY POUNDS OF STEEL-SINEWED FURY HURL THEMSELVES AT THE VILLAINOUS FIGURE WITH THE FORCE OF A PILE DRIVER!
NOW TO EVEN THE SCORE, BLACKJACK!
POW

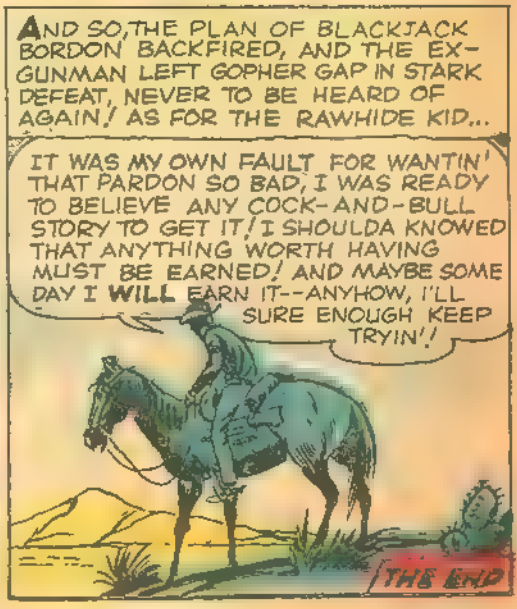
THIS IS FOR TRICKIN' ME WITH THAT FAKE PARDON!
WHUMP!

AND THIS IS FOR WHAT YUH DID TO THE GOOD FOLKS OF GOPHER GAP!

AND THIS IS BECAUSE I JUST PLAIN FEEL LIKE IT!

YUH'LL DIE FOR THAT, KID! I CAN STILL OUT-DRAW ANY MAN IN THE WEST!


AND THAT'S THE LAST MISTAKE YUH'LL MAKE IN THIS TOWN BLACKJACK! YORE THRU!
DID YOU SEE THAT? BLACKJACK ALREADY HAD HIS GUN, AND THE KID STILL OUTDREW HIM!
BORDON WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO USE THAT GUN HAND AGAIN!


AND SO, THE PLAN OF BLACKJACK BORDON BACKFIRED, AND THE EX-GUNMAN LEFT GOPHER GAP IN STARK DEFEAT, NEVER TO BE HEARD OF AGAIN! AS FOR THE RAWHIDE KID...
IT WAS MY OWN FAULT FOR WANTIN' THAT PARDON SO BAD, I WAS READY TO BELIEVE ANY COCK-AND-BULL STORY TO GET IT! I SHOULDA KNOWED THAT ANYTHING WORTH HAVING MUST BE EARNED! AND MAYBE SOME DAY I WILL EARN IT--ANYHOW, I'LL SURE ENOUGH KEEP TRYIN'!
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WHATEVER HE'S HERE FOR, IT MEANS A SHOOT-OUT FOR SURE!
YEAH! ACE LINK HAS BEEN WAITIN' TO DRAW AGAINST HIM ALL THIS TIME!

LOOK! HERE HE COMES NOW!
IT'S TEN-NOTCH NORTON, ALL RIGHT! I'D KNOW HIM ANYWHERE! HE SURE LOOKS TIRED, AND OLDER!
TIRED OR NOT, I'LL BET HE CAN STILL DRAW THAT IRON OF HIS FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW!
HOWDY, TEN-NOTCH!
HOWDY!
GOT ANY NEW NOTCHES ON YOUR GUN-BUTT, MR. NORTON?
WHO SAID THAT!
DON'T EVER ASK ME THAT AGAIN, SAVVY? I'M THROUGH WITH GUN-FIGHTIN'! FOREVER!
S-SURE, MR. NORTON! I DIDN'T MEAN NO HARM! NO SIR...
SOUNDS TO ME LIKE TEN-NOTCH NORTON TURNED YELLA!
RUN FOR COVER! IT'S ACE LINK!
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NOW WE'LL FIND OUT WHO'S FASTER, TEN-NOTCH OR ACE LINK!
YEAH! THIS OUGHTTA BE SOME FIGHT!
MISTER, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT I AIN'T LOOKIN' FOR NO TROUBLE! SO JUST RUN ALONG!
HUH?
LOOK, TEN-NOTCH, I'VE WAITED THREE YEARS FOR YOUR RETURN, TO PROVE I'M FASTER'N YOU! YOU AIN'T GONNA CHEAT ME OUTTA MUH CHANCE NOW!
MISTER, YORE A FOOL! NOW GIT LOST!
COME BACK HERE! STOP WHERE YUH ARE OR I'LL GUN YUH DOWN IN YORE TRACKS! COME BACK, I SAY!
THERE'S JUST NO WAY TO AVOID IT, IS THERE?
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THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! I RECKON YUH HEERD TELL OF ME, THAT'S WHY YORE SCARED, HUH?
STRANGER, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND I COULDN'T CARE LESS!
MAYBE TEN-NOTCH IS AFEARED! HE NEVER ACTED LIKE THIS BEFORE!
YORE RIGHT! NO MATTER WHAT ACE SAYS, TEN-NOTCH WON'T GET RILED UP!
WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED TO CHANGE HIM SO?
LOOK, HOMBRE, IF'N I ADMIT I'M SCARED, WILL YUH CALL OFF THIS GUN-FIGHT?
WHAT? YOU ADMIT IT??
HEAR THAT, EVERYBODY? HE'S SCARED! TEN-NOTCH NORTON IS SCARED OF ME, ACE LINK! I RECKON PEOPLE WILL KNOW WHO I AM FROM NOW ON!
NOW CAN I GO?
GENE L MERCHA
NO! YUH STILL AIN'T GONNA CHEAT ME OF MY GUN-FIGHT! I'M GONNA DRAW ON YUH IN FRONT OF THE WHOLE TOWN! SO SLAP LEATHER!
ALL RIGHT, IF THAT'S THE WAY IT HAS TO BE!
I SWEAR--HE DON'T LOOK SCARED NOW! LOOKS MORE LIKE HE'S SAD OR DISAPPOINTED!

DRAW!
THE SAME THING AGAIN-- JUST LIKE ALL THE TIMES BEFORE!
MAYBE--MAYBE THIS TIME WILL BE THE LAST!
DIDYA SEE THAT! TEN-NOTCH BEAT 'IM BY A COUNTRY MILE!
W.TH A DRAW L KE THAT, WHAT WAS TEN-NOTCH AFEARED OF!
LOOK-- HERE COMES THE MARSHAL!
GET OUT OF TOWN, ACE, AND STAY OUT! YORE LUCKY YORE ALIVE!
I--I DON'T UNDER-STAND! TEN-NOTCH SAID HE WAS AFRAID! WHY WAS HE AFRAID!
HE WAS AFRAID HE'D KILL YOU ACCIDENTALLY, YUH FOOL! BECAUSE HE HAD TO SHOOT TOWARD THE SOUND OF YOUR VOICE, AND HE COULDN'T BE SURE HE'D ONLY HIT YOUR ARM OR SHOULDER...
...EVER SINCE HIS LAST GUN-FIGHT HERE, THREE YEARS AGO, TEN-NOTCH NORTON HAS BEEN BLIND!
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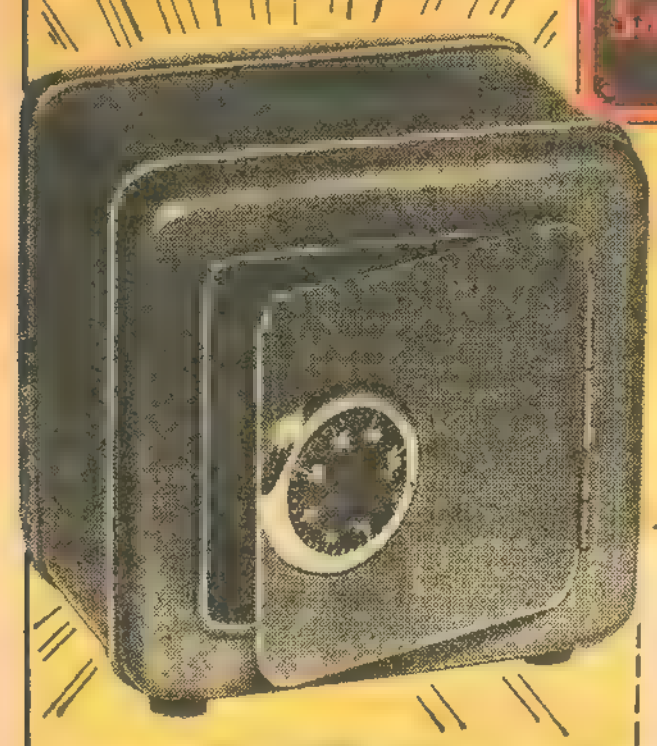

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pumps inside of a year!"

"It's legal," Gil pointed out.

"But downright careless," Dan insisted. "The state park itself will suffer. Trees are startin' to grow down in the gulches. But most of 'em will die if Buck takes that land over. And you also know he doesn't need it!"

"Sure you're not just interested in keeping your own bunk-hole in Minehill?" Gil asked slyly.

"Sure I'm interested," Dan said heatedly. "But I could stay there anyway, and even keep sellin' firewood. What I couldn't do after a year is drink water that isn't there . . . and neither can the state park trees just over the line, if Buck grabs the land. He'll irrigate every bit of the land for grass . . . and drain the water table in a year. That's just one-crop stuff. It isn't right that any galoot takes a one-crop fodder profit and ruin the land for forty years more." Dan snorted. "I demand you do somethin' about it!"

"I can't, Dan," Gil said. "Sure, I'm sheriff, but I could only stop Buck if there was some issue to vote on and the county decided against him. There's just no time to even institute proceedings on a vote. It would take months."

For the space of a full half minute, old Dan stared hungrily at the tin star of authority on the sheriff's chest. Then he turned and left.

Gil Barrows started after Dan for a moment. He knew the old man, knew how fiery and peppery he could be. Dan was one of his best friends and he didn't want him hurt. He got up and walked out of his office and down to the benches in front of the Duane Hotel where Buck Patterson often passed the time of day with his bunkhouse crew when in town.

"Howdy, Sheriff," Buck said.

Gil Barrows nodded.

"Buck, I understand you're riding up tomorrow to claim the Minehill lands."

The cattleman nodded.

"Well, when you do, leave Dan Logan alone. I know Dan well enough to realize he wants peace. Just you don't pull the boys on him . . ." And Gil's narrowed eyes swung from one to the other of the seated line of four men.

"Why sure, Sheriff," Patterson said. "You've got my word on that."

"Good . . . because if you lay a finger on him, this'll talk," Gil said, and tapped his tin star.

A cloud of dust from over a rise at the end of Main Street told Gil that old Dan was heading home in a hot rage . . . and fast.

It was almost two o'clock the next day when Buck Patterson rode down Main Street followed by his crew. They dismounted at the Sheriff's office. Patterson stormed in.

"I want Dan Logan arrested!" he cried.

"Why?" Gil asked. "Has he busted a law?"

Buck Patterson opened his mouth to reply, but hesitated.

"Maybe not," he ground out, finally. "But . . ." His eyes brightened. "You can sling him in the calaboose for tryin' to impersonate an officer of the law!"

"What for?" A voice behind Buck spoke. The cattleman jumped, startled. There stood old Dan Logan . . . and outside in the street, his buckboard. He addressed himself to Gil. These galoots rode up and demanded I skedaddle out of Minehill City. I refused. What's more, as Sheriff of Minehill City, I ordered them out." He took a tin star from his chest and put it on Barrow's desk. "I hereby resign my office. The deadline's past . . . and the water table's safe for my section of the state park."

"But you weren't a legal sheriff!" Patterson insisted.

"I sure *was*," Dan said. "Minehill City was an incorporated town . . . and the incorporation is good for fifty years. I'm sole citizen, with power to vote and appoint officials . . . so I voted myself into office as Sheriff, and ordered you galoots away for the good of Minehill City, with a tin star I made out of a tin can!"

"He's got you there, Buck," Gil Barrows said. Then he turned to Dan with a puzzled grin. "But you've lost your living, Dan. Minehill City's State property, now."

"So it is," the old man said, proudly. "It's a State relic, too . . . and as sole resident, I get prior claim as paid custodian!"

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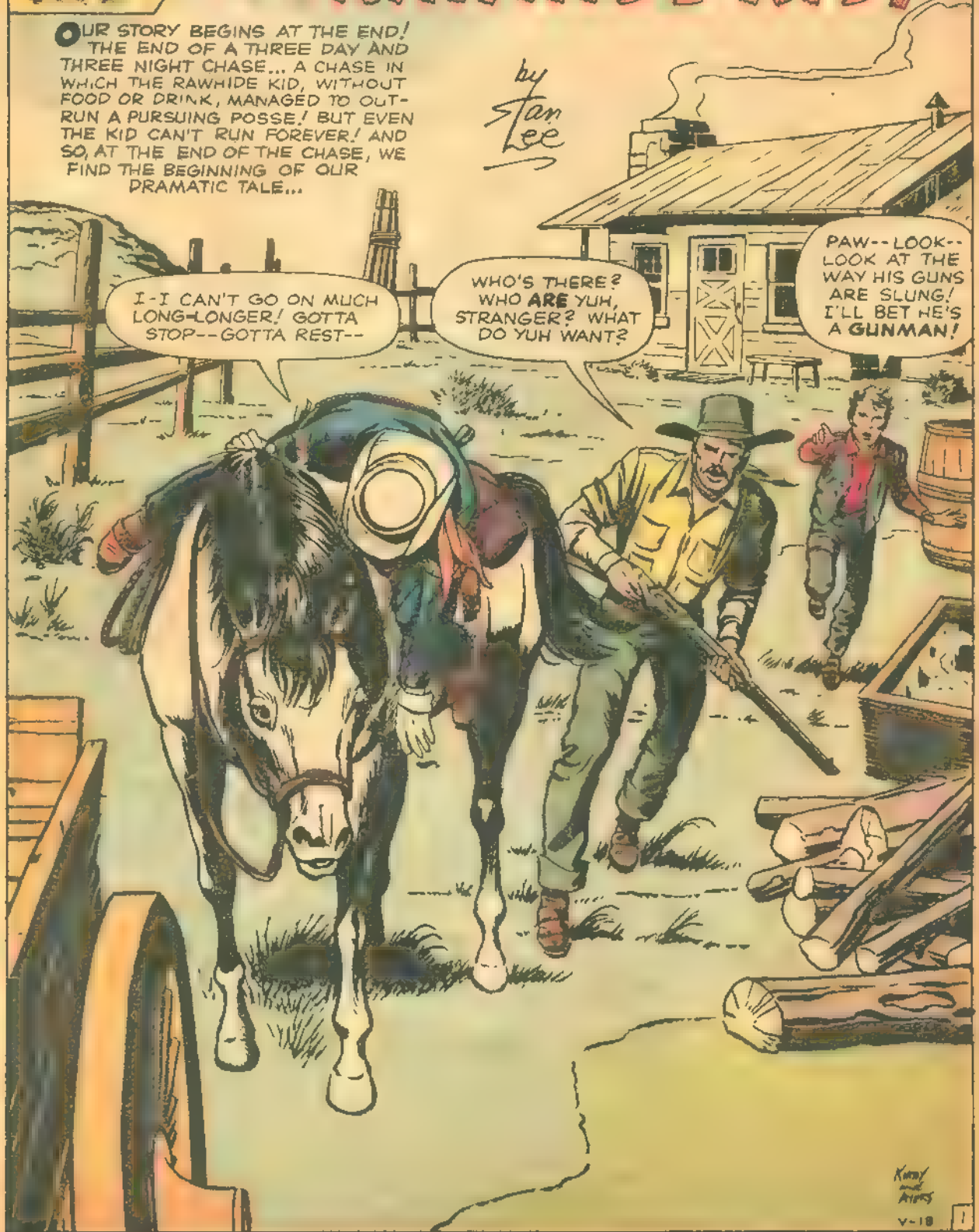
I-I CAN'T GO ON MUCH LONG-LONGER! GOTTA STOP--GOTTA REST--
WHO'S THERE? WHO ARE YUH, STRANGER? WHAT DO YUH WANT?
PAW--LOOK--LOOK AT THE WAY HIS GUNS ARE SLUNG! I'LL BET HE'S A GUNMAN!

REST! I GOT --UHHHHH
QUICK, SON! HELP ME CARRY HIM INSIDE! THE POOR HOMBRE IS HALF-STARVED, AND EXHAUSTED!
GEE, I WONDER WHO HE IS?
TWO DAYS LATER...
I'M WELL ENUFF TO LEAVE NOW! WISH I COULD PAY YUH BACK FOR HELPIN' ME THE WAY YUH DID!
I'M GLAD WE WERE ABLE TO BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE!
PAW! PAW! NOW I KNOW!
IT'S THE RAWHIDE KID! I SAW A PICTURE OF HIM ONCE! I KNEW HE LOOKED FAMILIAR!
THE RAWHIDE KID!
SORRY YUH RECOGNIZED ME-- BUT I'LL BE ON MUH WAY NOW! I'M NOT LOOKIN' FOR ANY TROUBLE!
NO!
TAKE ME WITH YOU, KID! PLEASE! LET ME RIDE WITH YOU!
BOBBY! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING??!!
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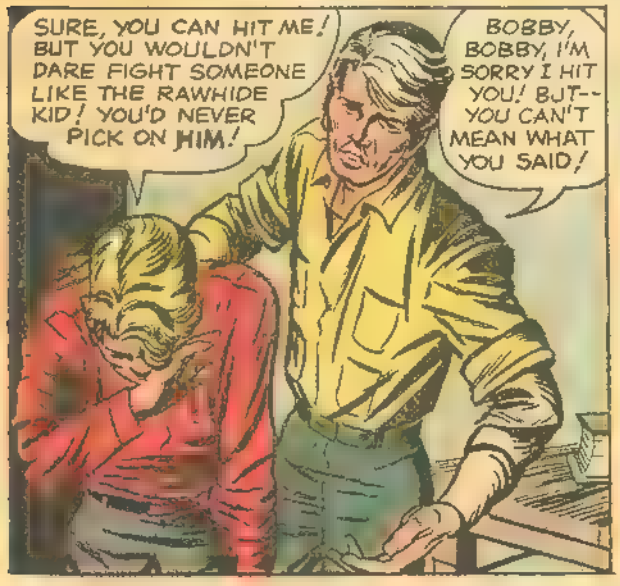
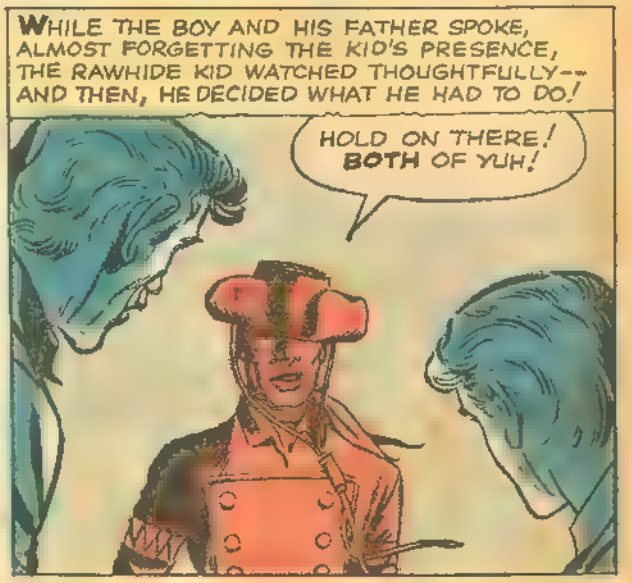
I'M SICK OF THIS FARM-- OF DOIN' THE SAME CHORES EVERY DAY! I WANNA BE A BADMAN, LIKE THE KID! I WANNA HAVE ADVENTURE AND GUNFIGHTS, AND EVERYTHING!

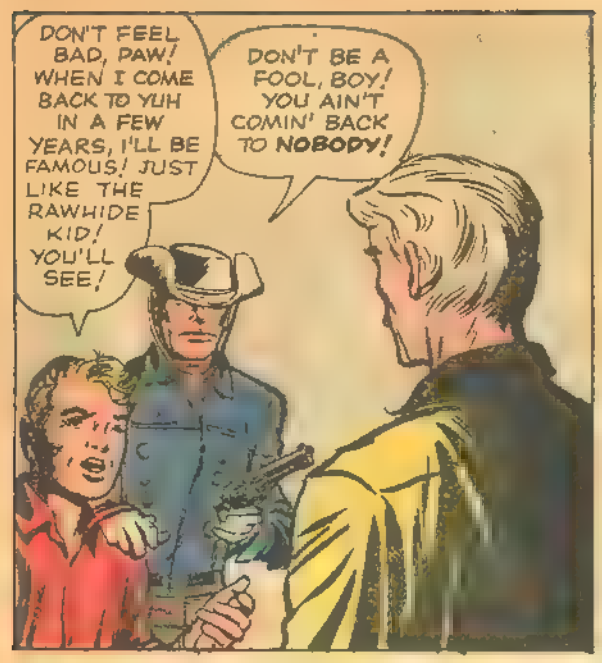
DON'T EVER LET ME HEAR YOU TALK LIKE THAT AGAIN!
OW!


SURE, YOU CAN HIT ME! BUT YOU WOULDN'T DARE FIGHT SOMEONE LIKE THE RAWHIDE KID! YOU'D NEVER PICK ON HIM!
BOBBY, BOBBY, I'M SORRY I HIT YOU! BUT-- YOU CAN'T MEAN WHAT YOU SAID!

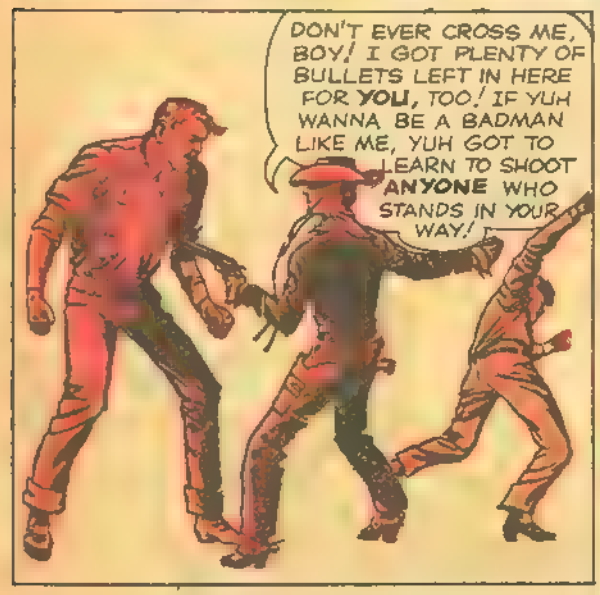

WHILE THE BOY AND HIS FATHER SPOKE, ALMOST FORGETTING THE KID'S PRESENCE, THE RAWHIDE KID WATCHED THOUGHTFULLY-- AND THEN, HE DECIDED WHAT HE HAD TO DO!
HOLD ON THERE! BOTH OF YUH!

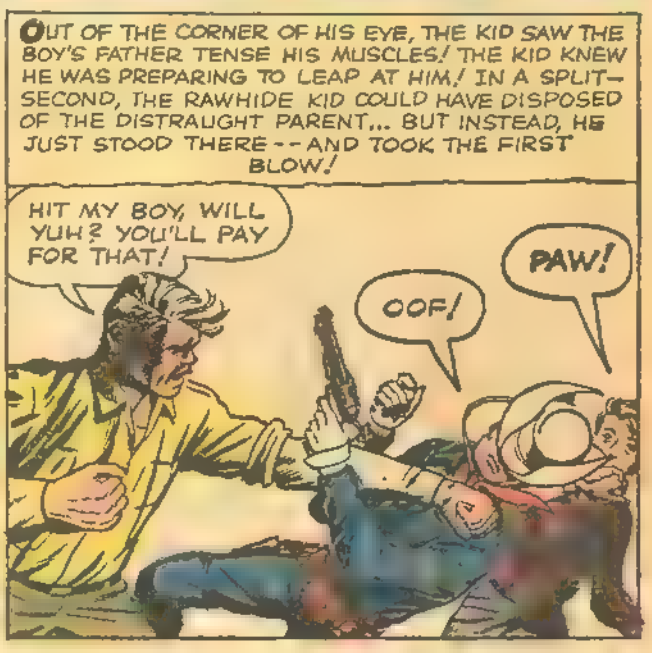
I CAN USE A PARD, MISTER! AND IF YORE BOY WANTS TO RIDE WITH ME, I RECKON I'LL TAKE HIM!
NO! NEVER! I WON'T LET MY SON BECOME AN OUTLAW, LIKE YOU!

I DON'T RECKON YUH CAN DO ANYTHING TO STOP ME, MISTER!


DON'T FEEL BAD, PAW! WHEN I COME BACK TO YUH IN A FEW YEARS, I'LL BE FAMOUS! JUST LIKE THE RAWHIDE KID! YOU'LL SEE!
DON'T BE A FOOL, BOY! YOU AIN'T COMIN' BACK TO **NOBODY!**

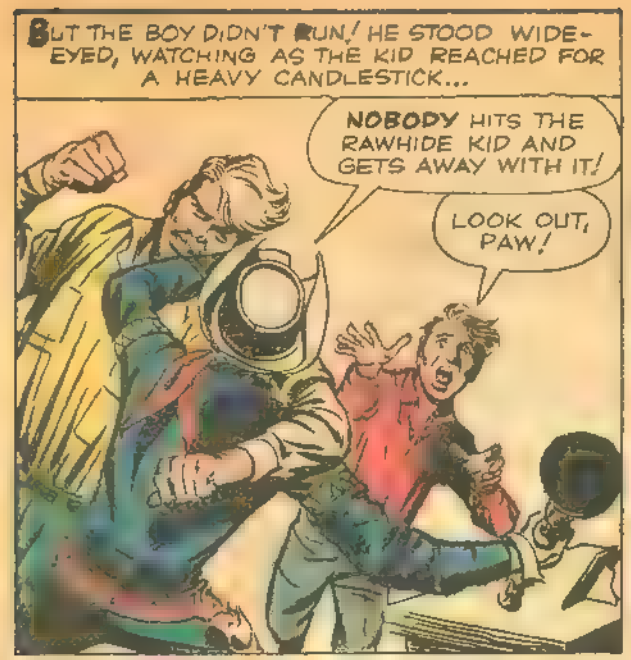
YOU DON'T THINK I'LL LEAVE THIS HOMBRE HERE ALIVE, TO TELL THE LAW THAT I **BEEN** HERE, DO YOU? NOW GO SADDLE UP WHILE I DO WHAT'S GOTTA BE DONE!
YOU MEAN YOU'RE GONNA SHOOT MY--OH **NO! YUH CAN'T!**

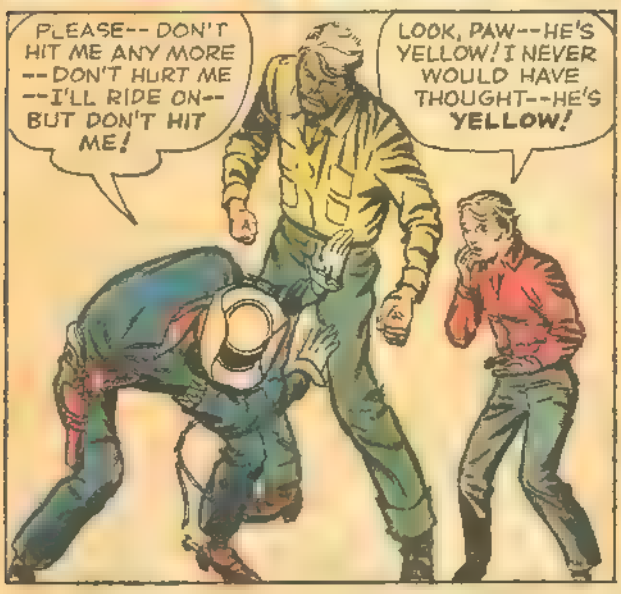

DON'T EVER CROSS ME, BOY! I GOT PLENTY OF BULLETS LEFT IN HERE FOR **YOU,** TOO! IF YUH WANNA BE A BADMAN LIKE ME, YUH GOT TO LEARN TO SHOOT **ANYONE** WHO STANDS IN YOUR WAY!

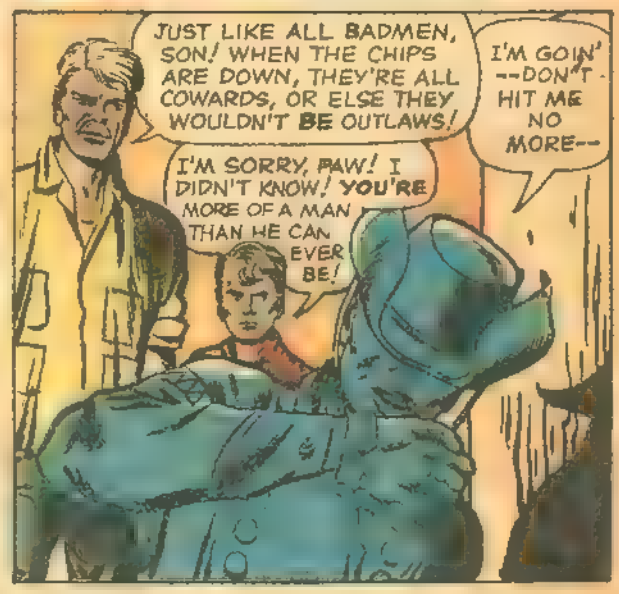

OUT OF THE CORNER OF HIS EYE, THE KID SAW THE BOY'S FATHER TENSE HIS MUSCLES! THE KID KNEW HE WAS PREPARING TO LEAP AT HIM! IN A SPLIT-SECOND, THE RAWHIDE KID COULD HAVE DISPOSED OF THE DISTRAUGHT PARENT... BUT INSTEAD, HE JUST STOOD THERE--AND TOOK THE FIRST BLOW!
HIT MY BOY, WILL YUH? YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT!
OOF!
PAW!

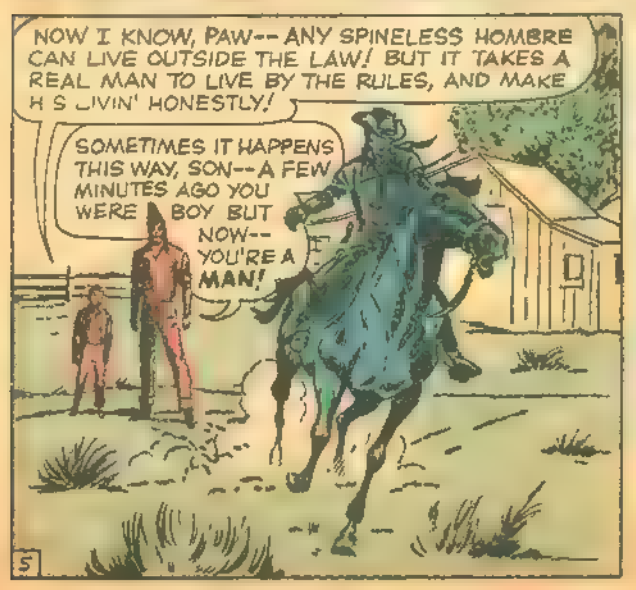
MAYBE YOU **ARE** A HELLER WITH A GUN, BUT **NOBODY'S** GONNA MAKE MY BOY TURN BAD! **NOBODY!**
UGH!
PAW! DON'T--PLEASE--HE'LL **KILL** YUH!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME NONE, SON! RUN! GET THE LAW WHILE I HOLD THE KID! HURRY, BOY--HURRY--BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
I'LL GIT YUH **BOTH** FOR THIS!


BUT THE BOY DIDN'T RUN! HE STOOD WIDE-EYED, WATCHING AS THE KID REACHED FOR A HEAVY CANDLESTICK...
NOBODY HITS THE RAWHIDE KID AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!
LOOK OUT, PAW!


PLEASE-- DON'T HIT ME ANY MORE --DON'T HURT ME --I'LL RIDE ON-- BUT DON'T HIT ME!
LOOK, PAW--HE'S YELLOW! I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT--HE'S YELLOW!


JUST LIKE ALL BADMEN, SON! WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, THEY'RE ALL COWARDS, OR ELSE THEY WOULDN'T BE OUTLAWS!
I'M GOIN' --DON'T HIT ME NO MORE--
I'M SORRY, PAW! I DIDN'T KNOW! YOU'RE MORE OF A MAN THAN HE CAN EVER BE!


NOW I KNOW, PAW-- ANY SPINELESS HOMBRE CAN LIVE OUTSIDE THE LAW! BUT IT TAKES A REAL MAN TO LIVE BY THE RULES, AND MAKE H S LIVIN' HONESTLY!
SOMETIMES IT HAPPENS THIS WAY, SON--A FEW MINUTES AGO YOU WERE A BOY BUT NOW-- YOU'RE A MAN!
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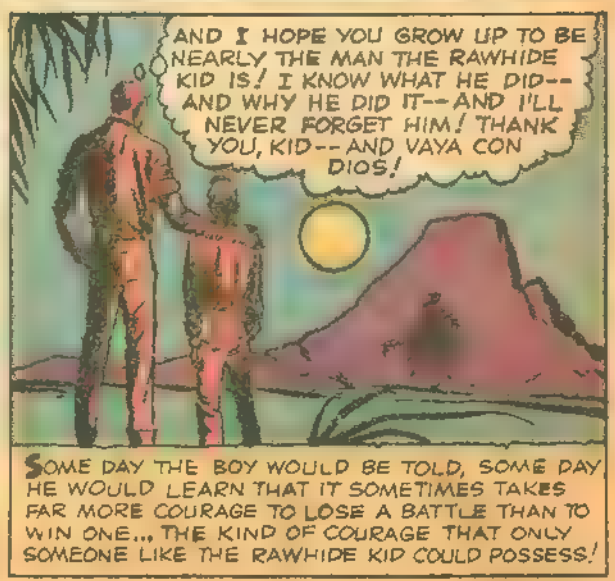
AND I HOPE YOU GROW UP TO BE NEARLY THE MAN THE RAWHIDE KID IS! I KNOW WHAT HE DID-- AND WHY HE DID IT--AND I'LL NEVER FORGET HIM! THANK YOU, KID-- AND VAYA CON DIOS!

SOME DAY THE BOY WOULD BE TOLD, SOME DAY HE WOULD LEARN THAT IT SOMETIMES TAKES FAR MORE COURAGE TO LOSE A BATTLE THAN TO WIN ONE... THE KIND OF COURAGE THAT ONLY SOMEONE LIKE THE RAWHIDE KID COULD POSSESS!

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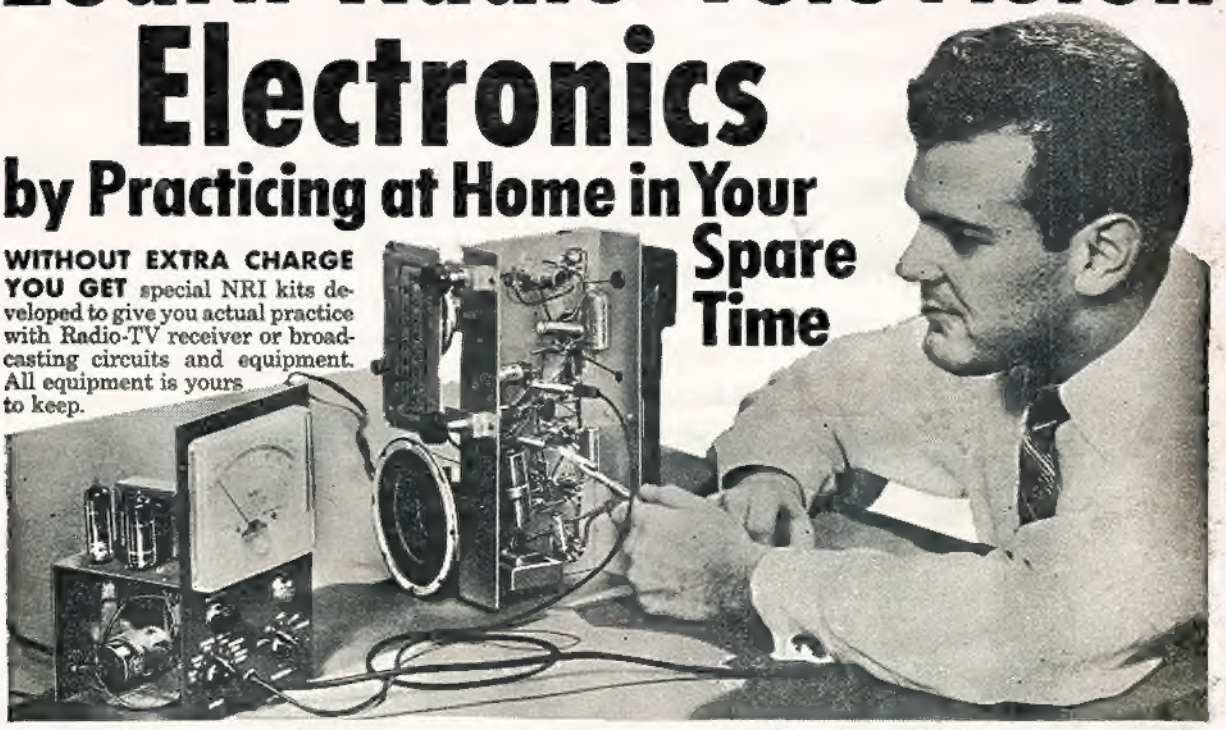

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